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CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION IN ACCOUNT WITH W. GRISWOLD, TREASURER.

Dr.	HOME MISSIONS.	Cr.
1845.	From June 1, 1845, to June 1, 1846.	
June 12.	To paid Rev. John Peck, Agent, \$173 50	
Nov. 7.	To paid Rev. John Peck, Agent, 8 10	
June 1.	To balance paid Rev. John Peck, 221 45	
		\$703 05

WAREHAM GRISWOLD, Treasurer.
I have examined the above account with the vouchers, and find the same correct.

THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR HOME MISSIONS SINCE THE ACT. WAS ADULTED, JUNE 1, 1846.

North Haven church, per Rev. N. Whiting,	\$2 25
Deep River church, per Dea George Read, to constitute Catharine P. Shailer, of Roxbury, mass. and Sarah Emmons and Sarah Shailer, of Deep River, life members of H. M. Society, and to be applied to the support of L. N. Seeley, missionary in Iowa,	100 00
Willington church, per Rev. E. Parker,	33 50
Fanny Smith, of Jewett City, per N. E. Shailer,	50
Tolland church, per Orin Ward,	1
Middletown 3d church, per Lyman Clark,	2 50
New London County and vicinity Miss. Society, A. Wickham, Treasurer, per Dea. Benson,	66 33
Meriden church, per Rev. Mr. Miller,	15 00
N. S. Wright's estate, per Rev. S. Barrows,	2 00
Rev. S. Barrows,	1 00
Corwall church, per Rev. A. Gates,	1 55
Stratfield church, per Rev. Mr. Scott,	10 00
Andover church, per John Avery,	5 52
Waterford 1st church, per Dea. Rogers,	11 37
Groton 3d church, balance to constitute Mrs. Prudence Denison, life member H. M. Society, and to be applied towards the support of hrs. Dodsiey, at New York,	10 00
Mrs. Grace Turner, of New London, per Rev. Mr. Swan,	25 00
Elizabeth Coit, per Rev. Mr. Swan,	5 00
R. Rogers, of East Lyme,	1 00
Woodstock 1st church, per Rev. Mr. Bremley,	10 00
Con. Lds. Institution, in part to constitute Miss O. P. Rider life mem- ber H. M. Society, per Mr. Burnett,	25 00
New London 1st church, per Rev. John Peck,	85 75
" " " Daniel Lathiam, per do.	100 00
E. D. Ames, of Lake Pond, per Rev. John Peck,	1 09
C. Bishop, of Flanders,	25
Suffield 3d church,	64 23
" " Sabbath School,	6 25
" " Mary E. Spauldwin, a child,	5 25
New London 3d church, per Rev. J. Peck,	18 00
East Lyme 3d church, forwarded by mail,	15 00
Hartford 1st church, per Rev. J. Peck,	23 68
With \$68.53 previously paid, to constitute Rev. R. Turnbull, Rev. G. Robins, and Dea. J. B. Gilbert, life members of H. M. Society. Preston church, to constitute Rev. N. V. Steilman a life member H. M. Society, per A. Gates,	30 00
Friend of missions,	10 00

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CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION IN ACCOUNT WITH W. GRISWOLD, TREASURER.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
Dr.		Cr.	
1845.	To paid postage and discount on money, \$1 10	From June 1, 1845, to June 1, 1846.	
Aug.	To psd. Henry Lincoln, Treasurer, 2100 00	By bal.	\$6 20
Nov.	To paid Burr & Smith, printing bill, 8 11	" collection at Convention, 10 42—	16 62
June.	To bal. psd. R. E. Eldy, asst. Treasurer, 301 30	" Hartford 1st church, 311 23	
		" Bristol, do, 4 40	
		" Avon, do, 2 70	
		" Stamford, do, 16 51	
		" Weston, do, 19 10	
		" W. Springfield, do, 20 00	
		" Hartford South, do, 417 29	
		" New Milford, do, 19 23	
		" Middlebury 3d, do, 3 20	

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THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS SINCE THE ACT. WAS ADULTED.

"	"	North Haven, do.	1 30
"	"	New Britain, do.	6 00
"	"	Mansfield, do.	118 62
"	"	Norfolk, do.	13 00
"	"	Merriden, do.	53 10
"	"	Bloomfield, do.	7 00
"	"	Suffield 2d, do.	270 00
"	"	Wethersfield, do.	8 75
"	"	Cheshire, do.	54 20
"	"	Danbury 2d, do.	131 49
"	"	Woodstock 1st, do.	100 00
"	"	Ashford 2d, do.	10 00
"	"	Ashford 1st, do.	43 00
"	"	Colebrook 2d, do.	15 00
"	"	Torrington, do.	1 00
"	"	Newark, do.	36 87
"	"	Reading, do.	30 00
"	"	Bridgport, do.	50 00
"	"	Saybrook 1st, do.	1 00
"	"	Packerville, do.	5 50
"	"	Friends of Missions, do.	26 56
"	"	Union ch. Montville, do.	12 00
"	"	Stafford church, do.	55 50
"	"	E. Haddam Cent. do.	19 18
"	"	Warren, do.	5 50
"	"	Stafford, do.	8 00
"	"	Fairfield Association, do.	8 53
"	"	Individual subscriptions, 114 75	

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CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION IN ACCOUNT WITH W. GRISWOLD, TREASURER.

CHAUNCEY G. SMITH, Auditor.		
THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS SINCE THE ACCT. WAS AUDITED.		
North Haven church, per Rev. N. Whiting,		\$2 81
Deep River church monthly concert, per Dea. Geo. Read,	88 00	
Lyme church, per Rev. A. D. Watsons,	12 00	100 00
to constitute Rev. A. D. Watsons life member A. B. M. U.		
Saybrook 1st church, per Rev. Mr. Ellis,		2 40
Chester church, per S. P. Russell,		9 25
Willington church and congregation, per Rev. A. Parker,	72 00	

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THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS SINCE THE ACT. WAS ADULTED.

Colchester church, per Rev. Wm. Reid,	3 80
Hartford 1st church, per Rev. P. Mathewson,	7 87
Ladies Miss. Soc., Mrs. G. Hastings, Treas. per	
Dea. James G. Bolles,	70 50
Hartford 1st church monthly concerts, per Dea. J. Brown,	89 02
" " " and congregation collection, per Deacon	

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James G. Bolles	173 36—339 85
New London 1st church Ladies Sewing Soc. for the support of a Pgwao Karen preacher, under the direction of bro. Bullard, per Rev. Mr. Swan,	50 00
New London 1st church, Elizabeth Coit, subscription for do.	10 00
" " " " " " " " " " " "	25 00
" " " " " " " " " " " "	25 00—110 00
Meriden church, per Rev. Mr. Miller,	30 00
Plainfield church, balance subscription to Rev. Mr. Love,	5 00
East Killingly church, per J. B. Daman,	2 75
Noank church, per Rev. S. B. Bailey,	18 00
East Windsor church, per Rev. Mr. Wheeler,	9 00
N. S. Wright's estate, per Rev. Mr. Barrows,	20 00
Mansfield church, towards the support of bro. Vinton and family, per Rev. B. Hicks,	90 25
Jonima Hicks, for	1 00
Corwall church, per Rev. Mr. Gates,	7 37
" " " " " " " " " " " "	3 95—11 32
Friend of Missions, Suffield, for Burmah, per Rev. D. Ives,	24 00
Bro. and A. M. B. of Stonington Boro', per Rev. N. E. Shailer,	21 00
Stratfield church, per Rev. Mr. Scott,	18 00
Thompson Central church, per Rev. Mr. Willett,	18 25
" " " " " " " " " " " "	68 50
Brazza church, per Rev. C. Longwell,	12 00
Andover church, per John Avery,	30 10
Tariffville church, per Rev. A. Chapin,	4 00
Groton 4d church, per E. Denison,	13 00
Groton 1st church, per Rev. Mr. Walker,	15 00
East Lyme 1st church, per R. Rogers,	14 00
Clinton church, per Rev. J. B. Guild,	0 00
P. Brockett and Sarah Brockett,	0 00
Packer's 1st church, per Rev. D. D. Lyon,	10 50
Wallingford church, per Rev. Mr. Denison,	30 00
Norfolk church, per Mr. Watrous,	9 00
B. E. a friend of Miss. towards the support of a native Pgwao Karen preacher, per Rev. Mr. Benedict,	23 00
New Haven 2d church, per Rev. Mr. Judd,	35 00
Ruth Hodges, per Rev. Mr. Atwell,	5 00
Hartford South church Ladies Miss. Soc. per Mrs. Holman,	45 30
" " " " " " " " " " " "	8 00
" " " " " " " " " " " "	271 11—101 55
for the support of bro. Bullard, and to constitute Rev. A. M. Smith and Horatio E. Day, life members A. B. M. U.	
Hartford South church Sabbath School, per W. S. Williams, for the support of a native Karen preacher, under the care of bro. Bullard,	50 00
James Brown, of Manchester,	5 00
Friend of missions,	1 00

THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS SINCE THE ACT. WAS ADULTED.

WARRICK'S GRIFFIN, 1788.

Connecticut Baptist Convention in acct. with W. Griswold, Treas.
Dr. DOMESTIC MISSIONS.
 1846.

From June 1, 1845, to June 1, 1846.
DOMESTIC MISSIONS, Cr.

Aug. 6.	To pd. app'n. to Milford	\$25 00	By Balance	\$19 90
" " "	" " Branford ch.	20 00	" " Hartford 1st church, 103	61
" " "	" " Tolland	15 00	" " Bristol	20 36
" " "	" " Waterbury	25 00	" " Weston	2 56
" " "	" " Lyme list	25 00	" " Naugatuck	4 00
" " "	" " Southbury	25 00	" " Hartford South	25 71
" " "	" " Ashford 2d,	20 00	" " Middletown 2d,	13 00
" " "	" " Jewett City,	40 00	" " Thompson	3 00
" " "	" " Milford 2d,	15 00	" " New Canaan	5 00
Nov. 7.	To pd. Burr & Smith printing bill	8 10	" " Torrville	6 00
" 13.	To pd. app'n. to N. E. Shaler, 'Missionary'	73 21	" " Waterbury	5 00
Dec. 3.	N. Haven church,	20 00	" " North Haven	4 50
" "	" " Clinton	20 00	" " New Britain	31 00
" "	" " Middletown 3d,	15 00	" " Suffield 2d,	34 01
" "	" " Willington	25 00	" " Chester	25 24
" "	" " Ashford 2d,	15 00	" " Jewett City	2 00
" "	" " N. E. Shaler, missiona-ry	117 60	" " New York 1st, 2d	2 00
" "	" " P. E. Savage, Secretary for record book,	2 50	" " Torrington	5 63
			" " Cornwall	2 43
			" " Middletown 3d,	2 11
			" " Waterford 1st	7 75
			" " Lyme 1st	9 97
1846.			" " East Lyme 1st,	11 50
June.	To pd. app'n. Avon ch.	45 00	" " New London 3d,	16 00
" "	" " N. E. Shaler 2d	34 50	" " Waterford 2d,	13 50
" "	" " Ashford 3d,	15 00	" " Packetsville	28 30
[not paid]		\$760 91	" " Voluntown	25 30
			" " Friends' Missions,	11 00
			" " Preston church	46 44
			" " Individual sub'um,	27 75

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CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION IN ACCOUNT WITH W. GRISWOLD, TREASURER.

	Voluntown church, "	11 80
	North Stonington, "	10 00
	Mrs. Harriet L. Parker, "	1 00
	Deep River church, "	45 00
	Menden "	23 00
	Middletown, "	18 00
<u>\$564 27</u>		<u>\$764 27</u>
By balance to new account,		3 26
The above acct. does not include any monies paid in at the Convention for		

WAREHAM GRISWOLD, Treasurer.

THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS SINCE THE ACT. WAS ADULTED.

THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS, THE FOLLOWING, WHICH THE ACCT. WAS AUDITED.		
North Haven church, per Rev. Mr. Whiting,		\$1 12
Chester church, per S. P. Russell,		9 27
Willington church, per Rev. A. Parker,		8 00
Tolland church, per Orrin Ward,		1 23
N London 1st ch. Ladies' Miss. Soc. per Dea. W. P. Benjamin, 60 00		42 30
" " " " " " " " " " " "	\$2 36	12 36
Noank church, per Rev. S. B. Bailey,		8 00
Wilimantic church, per Rev. S. Wheeler,		10 45
Cornwall church, per R. A. Gates,		10 00
Steinington Boro' church, per Rev. N. E. Shailer,		27 00
Waterford 1st church, " " " "		12 77
Andover church, per John Avery		3 05
Lebanon church Ladies' Miss. Society, per John Avery,		10 00
Tariffville church, per Rev. A. Chapin,		16 20
Mr. Field,		18 27
New Britain church,		18 27
Wallingford church, per Rev. Mr. Denison,		7 75
Waterbury church, per U. S. Platt,		5 66
Woodstock 1st church, per Rev. Mr. Bromley,		16 00
		\$270 66
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CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION IN ACCOUNT WITH W. GRISWOLD, TREASURER.

Dr.	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	Cr.
1846.	From June 1, 1846, to June 1, 1847.	
June 1.	To balance from last year, \$221 45	
June 12.	To paid Rev. John Peck, Agent, \$173 50	
Nov. 7.	To paid Rev. John Peck, Agent, 8 10	
June 1.	To balance paid Rev. John Peck, 221 45	
		\$703 05

Paid Rev. J. B. Olcott, Agent, \$13.00. W. GRISWOLD, Treasurer.

The collections made for this object, from churches and individuals the past year, by Rev. J. B. Olcott, Agent, amount to \$716.70, which have been published in the Secretary.

Connecticut Baptist Convention in acct. with W. GRISWOLD, Treas.
D. LITCHFIELD CO. FUND. LITCHFIELD CO. FUND, Cr.
1845. 1845.

WAREHAM GRISWOLD, Treasurer.

THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS SINCE THE ACT. WAS ADULTED.

Balance to new acct. 19 23		
\$133 48		\$133 48
1846.		
June. By cash on hand,		19 23

WAREHAM GRISWOLD, Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the above, with the vouchers, and find the account correct.

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION IN ACCOUNT WITH W. GRISWOLD, TREASURER.

BIBLE CAUSE.		Cr.
1845.	From June 1, 1845, to June 1, 1846.	
Nov. 7.	To paid Burr & Smith's printing bill,	\$8 10
1846.		
June.	To paid H. Seaver, agent	137 71

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THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR BIBLE CAUSE SINCE THE ACT. WAS ADULTED.

SOCIETY SINCE THE ACCT. WAS ADDED.		
Raybrook 1st church, per Rev. Mr. Ellis,		\$1
Willington church, per Rev. A. Parker,		1
Tolland church, by Orrin Ward,		1
Middletown 3d church, per Lyman Clark,		11
Sarah A. Nettleton, of Cornwall, per Mr. Gates,		1
New London 1st church, per Rev. A. School,		10
Avon church, per C. W. Patton,		5
Groton 1st church, Content Walden subscription, per Rev. Mr. Walker,		5
Friend of Bible cause,		5
		\$38
Paid Rev. H. Seaver, Agent, \$33.22.		
W. CRISWOLD, T.		

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CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH J. W. DIMOCK, TREASURER.

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DR.		
1845.		
June 17.	Cash paid Hugh Dempsey, appropriation for Sept. 1844,	\$16 50
"	" " " " " in part for Dec. 1844,	3
26.	" " Rev. G. B. Atwell, "	

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THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR BIBLE CAUSE SINCE THE ACT. WAS ADULTED.

June 1.	To balance from last year, \$75 50	
June 12.	To paid Rev. John Peck, Agent, \$173 50	
Nov. 7.	To paid Rev. John Peck, Agent, 8 10	
June 1.	To balance paid Rev. John Peck, 221 45	
		\$703 05

Dr.	BIBLE CAUSE.	Cr.
Rev. A. D. Gates, Martha B. Hubbard, D. D. Lyon, St. each,		3
Rev. J. S. Swan, D. B. Cheney, M. G. Clark, St. each,		3
E. E. Denison, E. A. Parlier, V. Stiles, St. each,		3
D. G. Leonard, D. L. Fells, G. W. Gould, St. each,		3
W. P. Benjamin, J. R. Sioue, P. R. Irish, St. each,		3
Sarah B. Turner, S. C. Constock, 50 cents each,		1
R. R. Raymond, D. F. Fox, G. Palmer, St. each,		2
E. G. Savage, B. Clark, Wickham, E. Leome, St. each,		2
Baptist church in Wilmington,		4
P. C. Turner, Allen Darrow, William Reid, St. each,		2
M. Tildney, Mary Ann Tucker, St. each,		2
La Church in Woodstock to constitute the Rev. Henry Bromley a life member, and to be appropriated to Bro. Dempsey,		15
Cash of Joseph B. Gilbert, Esq., Executor of estate of Sarah Child, wife, of the said Rev. Henry Bromley, for a bequest made by her to the Con. Bap. Education Society,		25

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CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH J. W. DIMOCK, TREASURER.

Nov. 3.	Baptist church in Weston,	-	66	00
7.	Cash by interest on \$1 000 note,	-	24	00
"	" " " " \$500	-	30	00
1846.				
Feb. 9.	Cash 1st Church in Hartford, specified appropriation,	-	47	10
April 28.	" Baptist church, Stonington Point,	-	10	00
				\$274 70

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THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR BIBLE CAUSE SINCE THE ACT. WAS ADULTED.

D. Ives, E. Cushman, R. R. Raymond, \$1 each,	3
New London County Missionary Association, by A. Wickham,	6
Williamington Church, by Rev. A. Parker,	3
William Denison \$2, A. E. Denison, H. Miller, \$1 each,	4
Friend, O. Allen, A. Gates, \$1 each,	3
Baptist church in Pomfret, to constitute Rev. Isaac J. Burgess a life mem-	15
ber, the amount applied to the Cause of Temperance,	10 00
W. P. Benjamin, J. S. Swan, R. Turnbull, \$1 each,	3
L. G. Leonard, Wm. Reid, Geo. Mitchell, \$1 each,	3
A. Chapin, S. Barrows, C. S. Platt, \$1 each,	3
K. B. Kellay, J. R. Stone, \$1 each,	2
Rev. H. Wooster, of Deep River,	10

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CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH J. W. DIMOCK, TREASURER.

Human life, like the transient vapor of the mountain, will soon pass away and be gone. Generation after generation, says an eloquent writer, have felt as we feel, and their fellows were as active as our own. They passed away like a vapor, while nature wore the same aspect of beauty as when her Creator commanded her to be. The heavens shall be as bright over our graves as they now are over our paths. The world will have the same attractions for our offspring yet unborn, that she had once for ourselves, and that she has now for our children. Yet a little while and all of this

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THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FOR BIBLE CAUSE SINCE THE ACT. WAS ADULTED.

things of life will creep in, and our names will again be forgotten. Days will continue to move on, and laughter and song will be heard in the place in which we died; and the eye that mourned for us will be dried, and glisten again with joy; and even our children will cease to think of us, and will not remember to lisp our names.

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From the Truth-Seeker Magazine.

The Ages.

Society, from the earliest ages to the present, has ever been in progress. The first dawnings of secular history—the twilight of the past—reveals it as rude and savage. Men, banded together as families and clans, made incessant war upon each other.

There was no law but the law of the strongest.

This gave way before an increasing population, and the necessity of settlements. Hence arose the Feudal System.

A powerful proprietor secured to himself absolute right over a large body of dependants, whom he summoned, ever and anon, to make aggression upon some neighboring baron. Thus was presented the spectacle of servile dependence and irresponsible authority, and the consequent shock and tumult of irregular power. The elemental forms of society were in frequent and dread collision.

But population pushed wider its limits—the strength of contending families and factions, by repeated measurings, became known and defined, and, therefore, less turbulent.

A more fixed order was educed, which gave birth to a fairer civilization.

Then came the Age of Chivalry. It was the triumph of women. Devotion to the fair sex its basis—a courteous and gentle bearing its badge and symbol. It was the starlight age of nations.

At the sound of trumpet, forth came Rank and Beauty to the tented field, to witness, at joust and tournament, the pride and prowess of steel-clad knights.

The proud scion of a noble house sought distinction among his compeers by deeds of heroic gallantry or feats of perilous daring; or, to win the approving smile of some fair damsel, by fearful adventures in gloomy woods and haunted caverns. He assailed enchanted castles, encountered giants, and fought with fiery dragons. He thus achieved the desires of Love and Beauty.

But this gorgeous pageantry, and these fantastic forms passed into deeds of stern truth and unfeigned character.

The church pointed to Palestine. A chord was touched that thrilled through the whole heart of society. The ardor of the knight was kindled by a holier fire; he assumed "the cross," and went to battle with the Infidel for the holy sepulchre.

It was an event to stir up men's minds, and operate on future generations. The old monotony was broken up by new and marvellous activities. A wider knowledge and more thoughtful habit were diffused among the nations of Europe.

The crusades came to an end; and soon arose, in distinctive forms, the contest between the church and the civil powers; and in the dim uncertainty, the true principles and limits of government began to be studied and shadowed forth. Commerce, and the spirit of discovery, were, in the meantime, gloriously awakened. Liberalizing ideas were set loose and began to flout through society, and right notions of liberty took root and grew.

Ere long the art of printing was discovered; and scarcely had that stupendous engine of moral power been planted on the firm earth, than a voice of thunder was heard reverberating through the forests of Germany, and amongst the mountains of Switzerland—re-echoed even with a louder note from the hills of Britain and the widest glens of Scotland. It was the voice of many multitudes aroused from the sleep of centuries.

The foundations of the Vatican trembled, and the papal empire underwent an irreparable disruption. The whole moral aspect of Christendom was changed. The nations stood forth in the freshness of a new creation. Philosophy, which had already begun to revive, now fully arose from its torpor; shook off the weight and dust of ages, and expanded in its orb of freedom.

Letters which had suffered a long eclipse, reappeared with more than original power and splendor.

Every succeeding age has witnessed nobler triumphs of science, and the genial progress of civil and religious liberty.

Commonwealths are settled, or are being settled, on the basis of utility; communities are become orderly, and kings constitutional. From this freer state of the human mind, and happier condition of society, innumerable institutions have arisen for the intellectual, social, and moral elevation of mankind. "As one star differeth from another star in glory"—so do these in fitness and effect; while of this bright circle of benevolent influence the gospel is, and ever must be, the glorious source and centre.

Conspicuous and foremost among the lights of our moral firmament is the Temperance Reformation.

Fittingly harmonizing with the beautiful tendencies of modern civilization, it will become a grand instrument in working out the era of universal enlightenment and blessedness. Reflect on the opinion it attacks—the fatal

spring of a thousand ills and a thousand woes;—on the habits it proposes to eradicate, incompatible with a high state of intellectual moral attainment;—and its vast and comprehensive bearings immediately rise before the view.

It is no pitiful thing of sentiment—no puny bantling of a spurious philanthropy—but a child of Truth and Science, and whose lineaments show it to be of giant race.

It is yet in its infancy; but the manhood of the moral Hercules will come. Its present achievements indicate its power, and foreshadow its final triumph.

Would that all who are engaged in its service could rise to a due conception of its importance, and ever steadily regard it from that high vantage ground—would that the whole field of possible results were distinctly mapped out before the intellectual eye;—then would there be no lack of zeal and no faltering of purpose. The magnitude and sublimity of the end would attract us on to its consummation.

Rightly is it cast upon the present eventful era—the crisis of the world—this momentous point where the old things of the past are closing, and from whence the new things of the future will issue and expand.

Strong, glorious and hopeful is the contrast of the life and tendency of the nineteenth century, with the savage selfishness of the early peoples and of every intervening epoch of the world's progress. The past has been accumulating the present; this shall be resolved into wider issues, and these again expand into vaster ends and aims.

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